



The Speaker
House of Assembly
Nova Scotia

May 1, 2013

Honourable Michel Samson, MLA
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Dear Michel:

Thank you for your letter of April 24th.

My conclusion that you reside in Halifax within the meaning of the *House of Assembly Act* was based upon your family being resident in Halifax. I concluded that your family resided in Halifax, that you resided with your family and that therefore you resided in Halifax. (I did not create any test for being an outside member based upon the number of days spent in Halifax.) You have now provided information that I had asked for and you would not provide before. As well, you have provided other additional information. I have reviewed the information you have provided but I am not persuaded that my conclusion in my letter of April 15th was incorrect. However, since you have suggested that I erred in my review of the evidence and to ensure that the correct and fair result is not only arrived at but seen to be arrived at, I believe that somebody from outside my office and with the necessary expertise should review my decision, the materials you have provided (and any further evidence you may wish to provide) and any other relevant material. Therefore I have asked the Auditor General to review the matter and he has agreed to do so.

Sincerely,

Gordie Gosse, Jr.
Speaker